

1 RE: The patent application of Metcalf
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6 **Entitled: ORDERING, SCHEDULING AND RESERVATION SYSTEM**
7 **FOR EXPEDITED COMMERCE BETWEEN AN INTERNET BROWSING**
8 **APPARATUS AND ONE OR MORE PHYSICAL VENUES**
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10 AMENDMENT WITH SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
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19 In response to the issues cited in the office action mailed June 4, 2003 pertaining to the above-
20 referenced application, please find attached, an amended substitute specification including
21 revised claims (specification pages 1-23, revised claims pages 24-46, abstract page 47) and
22 "Remarks" (the latter beginning on page 3).
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24 As per the instructions of the "Revised Format of Amendments" orange sheet attached to the
25 06/04/03 office action, the applicant is submitting the attached marked up specification.
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27 Summary of Amendments Made to the Specification and Claims
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29 1. Typographical errors were found and have been corrected on pages 6, 9, 23 and in previously
30 numbered claims 17, 24 and 26. All changes are shown in the attached marked up copy of the
31 specification.
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33 2. The order of the claims has been changed in accordance with the claim numbering instructions
34 on page 2 and 3 of the 06/04/03 office action.
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36 3. Dependent claim 2, and all similar dependent claims have been revised to reflect the
37 amendment example provided on page 3 of the office action.
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39 4. Previously numbered claim 31 (dependent) and claims 38 and 39 (both independent) have
40 been deleted (shown in strike-through font).
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42 5. All of the previously submitted claims have been revised to clarify claim structural elements in
43 order to "present the claimed invention in a clear and positive way," (office action, pages 3-5).
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45 6. Each claim is one sentence (office action top of page 5).
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7. To address the issue of there being two inventive concepts in previous claim 1, and thus rendering the previous claim 1 indefinite, the suggested aid to amending the beginning of independent claim 1 "An electronic commerce and reservation system"...for establishing a bi-directional communication link between at least one customer and a large publicly accessible communications network... has been added as per the instructions (on page 5 of the office action). The phrase "An electronic commerce and reservation system" has also been incorporated into the opening lines of newly added independent claims 40 and 72.

8. The indefinite phrase "such as the Internet" has been deleted from claim 1 (per office action instruction, page 5)

9. In accordance with the office action's instructions, new claims that have been added to the application appear after the previously submitted / numbered claims, and are numbered 40 through 77.

Claims 1, 40, 64 and 72 are independent claims:

The new independent claim 40 replaces the previous independent claim 39.

The new independent method claim 72 replaces the previous independent method claim 38.

Independent method claim 64 is a new independent claim (the additional independent claim fee of \$42 is included in the total amount of the attached check)

Claims 2-36, 41-63, 65-71 and 73-77 are dependent claims

Dependent claim 31 was deleted because the terms "server computer" and "client computer" were not used in the specification. Dependent claim 41 replaces deleted claim 31.

There is a total of thirty six added dependent claims, totaling \$324 in fees (@ \$9.00 each).

The total fee the one independent claim and thirty four dependent claims is \$366.00. Please find attached check # 1810 in the amount of \$366.00.

Comments addressing all other issues raised in the office action are addressed in the section titled "Remarks" beginning on the following page.

Respectfully Submitted,



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